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Fail to satisfy them, and no arrangement that you can make either will set up or steady the peace of the world. Our boys came into this war not merely to win a war, but as crusaders to win a cause and I am responsible to them for it falls to me to formulate the purpose for which I asked them to fight. It was not Woodrow Wilson as Chief Executive of the United States who thus spoke, who with these and many other flaming words sent into death the world's structure of the past and laid upon its ruins the corner stone of a new age. It was Wilson the rebel against all that is dark and foul and sinister in the affairs of mankind; Wilson the liberator, fired by his own and his country's ideals; the crusader, the inspiring and inspired spokesman of the American people, not as their master but as their servant. He whose eloquence smashed to smithereens any oppositions that had remained to the plan of the league of nations and the conference, acting upon his speech, wrote what will be known as the birth certificate of the league of nations.

Rev. John, where are you going?

To the Mount Vernon Court House.

When?

Monday, February third.

Where are you going, Sam?

Same place, John, same place.

What are you going for John?

For the same reason you are going Sam.

What is that?

Why to do my duty as a father, neighbor and good citizen.

Well, what are they going to do on that day at the Court House?

Why all good citizens who want whiskey and the bootleggers driven out of Rockcastle are going to have a mass meeting next Monday, headed by Judge B. J. Bethune, Hon. Walter Flippin, Judge Mullins and a host of others and there plan to rigidly enforce the law against the sale and traffic of intoxicating liquors.

Good, glad to hear it, and I will be there to help them in every way.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ROADS.

Frankfort, Kentucky.

January 27, 1919

Dear Sir:

It has come to my attention that some of the members of the various Fiscal Courts throughout the State fail to understand that the State Road Department has nothing to do with the funds derived from the 20c Road Tax.

The law states that the revenue must be expended by the Fiscal Court on the roads and bridges in the county. This department has realized for sometime past the county officials did not have sufficient money to work their roads and we have been endeavoring to call this to their attention and have them authorize the election, and to assist them as much as possible in placing the matter before the public so it will carry.

This office is interested in all roads in any county. If a Fiscal Court desires it can, before authorizing the election, pass an order to the effect that all revenue

collected by the 20c Road Tax in any one magisterial will be expended on the roads in that district.

I believe that if it were made clear to the people that every cent paid in because of the extra 20c tax would be expended on the roads in their own magisterial district, that the proposition would carry by a large majority.

I think it might be important, however, that the election be called immediately and voted within the next thirty or six days, because at that time the roads will be bad and the people can better see the needs for more money.

Therefore, I am urgently requesting that a special meeting of the Fiscal Court be called and that the election be authorized.

Very truly,
K. Wiley,
Commissioner

Clarence Rickels Writes From Germany

Dec. 29, 1918.

Dear mother and all:

I guess you think I have forgotten you entirely, but I haven't. This is about the first time I have had a chance for a long time and it has been five months since I have had any mail from you. It was all sent to the hospital and has never returned. I don't know whether I will ever get it or not. I got a letter from Charlie L. a few days ago. He said he was well. We have been walking some for the last two months. We came through France and Belgium, Luxembourg, and now we are going through Germany. We are in a pretty nice country now. The old people are treating us good. They are sure glad the war is over. Of course I am too. We are now camping on the Rhine river. We are about twenty miles from Coblenz and Cologne, two large German cities. Remember we did not ride, we walked all the way, with about seventy pounds on our backs. The old Rainbow Division certainly have been around some. We first started on the Lorraine front and spent six months in trenches. Then we were called upon the Champagne front. Then we got our real open fights. We stopped the Germans there and we were called upon at Chateau-Thierry where the great American offensive started and I was in four days hard fighting there; I got wounded and was sent to the hospital where I stayed two months and came back to my company. We are longing for the day to come when the old famous Rainbow Division will get orders to start for the port to load on. I don't think that day is long off. Well, mother, this is all for this time. Tell papa to write to me. Give all my love. It won't be long until I will be at home. Good by, love to all.

Your son,
Private Clarence Rickels.
166 U. S. Inf.

MARETBURG

Miss Lela McCall has returned from a four months stay in Kansas. Rouse Wilmott is improving slowly. Miss Liza Vance, of this place and Mr. Archie Covington, of Laurel County were married last Saturday. Charlie Philbeck sold his farm to Will Sams for \$1000. He is moving to Mt. Vernon to make his home with his father in law, Dick Cummins. Wick Thompson's family all have flu. Miss Roxie Thompson was called home on the account of the serious illness of her father's family. Miss Martha Wallen accompanied her. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Middleton visited in Mt. Vernon Sunday. Mrs. Bert Owens died at her home at this place early Tuesday morning of pneumonia. She leaves a husband and several small children to mourn her death. Wade Hunt is discharged from the service and is now at home. Sherman Owens is at home on a ten day furlough. Mrs. K. J. McKinney was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Marsh Owens Sunday. Logan McCall and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Gove Frith were with their mother, Mrs. Lucy McCall last Sunday.

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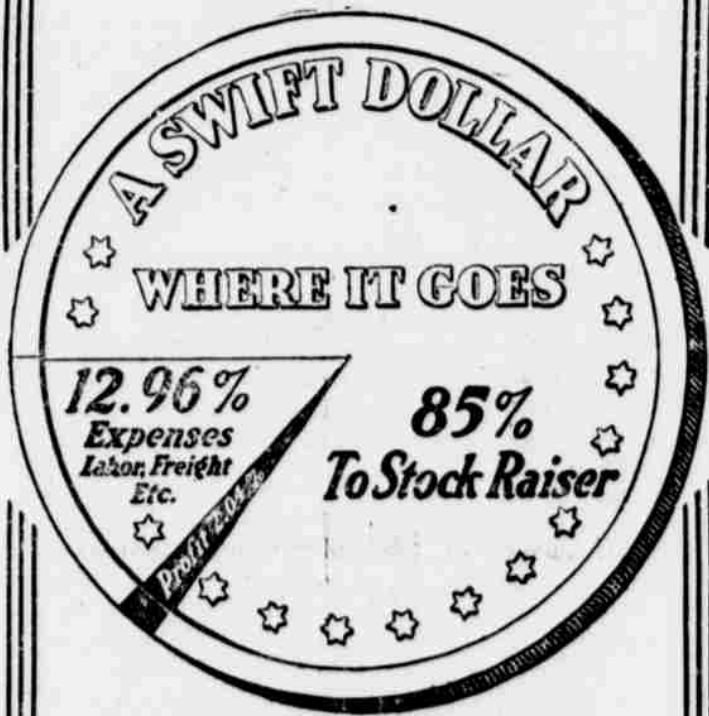
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WILLAILLA

We are having some fine weather now and the farmers are getting busy preparing for their 1919 crops.—Mrs. Mary Osborne is with her daughter, Mrs. K. Thompson who is very sick.—Mr. and Mrs. Will Shuts spent Saturday and Sunday with her brother, Bennett Brown.—Hobart Goffe, who is attending school at Berea, was with home-folks Saturday and Sunday.—Miss Grace Thompson spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Marion Smith near Crab Orchard.—Mr. and Mrs. Booker Mullins, of Walnut Grove, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Owens Sunday.—Miss Georgia Gentry is with her grandmother, Mrs. Ellen Brown at Level Green.—Charlie DeBord has moved his family into the house recently vacated by J. L. Reynolds.—Mrs. M. F. Craig has returned from a few days visit with her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Craig and nephew, J. M. Craig at Lancaster.—The family of K. Thompson has flu.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Owens spent Monday with her mother, Mrs. Lucy Goffe, near Plato.—Born, to the wife of W. B. Potest, a boy, Misses Ona and Gertrude Brown of the Quail section, were guests of Miss Maud Brown Saturday night and Sunday.—Maurice Thompson has returned home after a few weeks stay with his sister, Mrs. Charlie Riddle, of Indiana.—Miss Lora Stevens and Miss Katherine Denny spent Monday with the latter's sister, Mrs. Lottie DeBord.—Miss Myrtle Owens spent Monday at the home of her uncle, M. F. Craig.—Miss Dessie Hicks was the guest of Miss Grace Thompson Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Cummins spent Monday night with his mother, Mrs. Mary Cummins.—Fred Lovins has returned after

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